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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on May 16, 2007 and May 31, 2005, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents, which were cited in Japanese Office Actions dated July 15, 2008 with respect to patent family members Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-057748 and 2003-057749:

- (1) JP 62-35480 Y2, accompanied by an English language partial translation thereof;
- (2) JP 2002-213004 A, accompanied by an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof;
- (3) JP 2002-161565 A, accompanied by an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof;
- (4) JP 2002-106037 A, accompanied by an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof; and

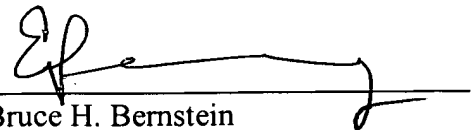
- (5) JP 2002-364055 A, accompanied by an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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